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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265


We send this letter as a consumer of health care services to register our concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain health care products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. We have lived in areas where competent medical facilities were not locally available. It was therefore common practice for many health care consumers to travel out of state to receive competent care (Mayo's, University of Minnesota, Detroit, Milwaukee, etc.) That being the case, we believe there should be no restrictions on the delivery of compounded medications prescribed for us either, regardless of where we may live or travel. The MOU in its present form interferes with patient, pharmacist, and doctor relationships and must be amended.

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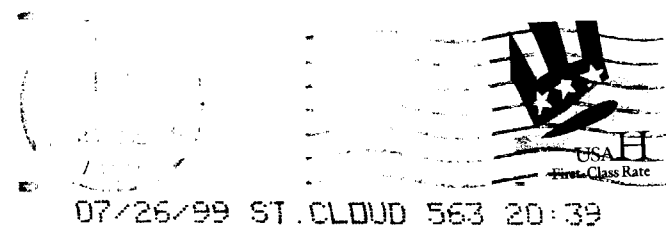
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